



Severe Weather Safety

National Weather Service

Springfield, Missouri



Tornado Safety and Awareness

- Prepare a [an emergency kit](#) and make a [family communications plan](#).
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or commercial radio or television for the latest information.
- Ensure your NOAA Weather Radio has fresh batteries and is set to the correct frequency to receive a warning for your area.
- During a **Tornado Watch**, stay aware of weather updates. Locate radio, phone, purse/wallet, blanket and flashlight.
- **Identify an emergency shelter location in your home.** The safest place is the interior part of a basement or storm cellar. If there is no basement, use an inside room on the lowest floor (e.g., center hallway, bathroom, closet). Avoid windows, skylights, or glass doors, which could be broken by strong winds or hail and cause damage or injury.
- During a **Tornado Warning**, go to your safe place: a protected corner of your basement or a ground floor bathroom, hall or closet. Stay away from windows and doors. Cover yourself with blankets or mattresses.
- **DO NOT STAY IN A MOBILE HOME DURING A TORNADO!** Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection - go to a nearby building, preferably one with a basement. If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert and shield your head with your hands.
- **DO NOT TRY TO OUTFRAN A TORNADO IN YOUR CAR!** The least desirable place to be during a tornado is in a motor vehicle; cars, buses, and trucks are easily tossed by tornado winds. Do not get under an overpass or bridge
- If outside during a tornado and there is no adequate shelter immediately available: Lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert and shield your head with your hands. Avoid areas with many trees. Do not get under any vehicle, no matter what its size.

Severe Weather Resources

<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.prep4agthreats.org/>



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